

# The Metro Memo



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## Opening

**President Bill Costello** welcomed members, visitors and guests to today's meeting. **Norm Benedict** led the group with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Sharrock** introduced our visitors and guests.

## Attendance

### Members with Guests

**Norm Benedict**.....Szasz Benedict

### Visitor from Southwest Sunrise:

Dan Scotten

## Announcements

Thanks to **Joy Block** and **Ralph Butler** for greeting members and guests as they arrived at today's meeting.

**Sarah Read** announced a committee chairs meeting is scheduled for Jan. 27. In addition, she asked members to check DaCdb for their committee assignments.

The January "First Thursday Fellowship" gathering is scheduled for 5:15pm, January 7th at Forge & Vine.

**Bette Wordelman**, Co-chair of the Community Services Committee provided details on the Boys & Girls Club Chili Cook-Off on February 13<sup>th</sup>. She circulated a sign-up sheet for those members interested in participating in the Cook-Off. She said **Todd Culley** and Boone Electric generously agreed to cover the entry fee for our clubs' team. In addition, Bette said the Community Services Committee will do a survey for recommendations of organizations to receive financial support from our fundraiser.

**Les Borgmeyer** provided additional details on our Metro Rotary Trivia Night, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee is requesting each member sell \$100 in tickets, and those should be available for

at our Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The goal this year is to have 250 attendees.

## \* REMINDER \*

**Metro Rotary  
WILL NOT MEET  
when Columbia Public Schools  
are not in session due to weather**

## Family of Rotary

**Norm Benedict** offered facts from this day in history.

**Beth Lammers** announced three birthdays: **Dave Holtgraewe** - Jan.3; **Les Gelband** - Jan. 10; **Lori Pewitt** - Jan 11.

## Sergeant-at-Arms

**Brad Nelson** entertained with his new "two ways to lose" policy for fines. The first opportunity to lose came with his question on how many commissioned law enforcement officers are presently in the United States? Answer: 900,000. A \$1 fine was issued to all tables not getting the correct answer. His second way to lose was a fine for everyone not wearing their Rotary pin.

## Upcoming Programs

**January 13** ..... Mark Farnen  
History of Political Campaign Buttons

**January 20** .....Larry Arrowood  
President  
The Friends of "Jim the Wonder Dog"

**January 27** ..... Classification Talks

## Assignments

Metro Rotary appreciates having the following members provide the raffle prize, sell the tickets, say the invocation, and lead the pledge. Please show your support by purchasing tickets that enable us to support our charities.

## Raffle/Invocation/Pledge:

January 13..... **Tom O'Connor**  
January 20..... **Linda Phillips**  
January 27.....**Barb Danuser**

## Next up for Greeters:

January 13 ..... **Cathy Scroggs  
&Kris Farris**  
  
January 20..... **Rob Christensen  
& Lori Pewitt**  
  
January 27.....**Stuart Scroggs  
& Kimberly Earnest**

## Program Summary

**Columbia History, 1949-1959**

By

**Bill Stolz, Assistant Director  
Western Historical Manuscripts  
Univ. of Missouri Ellis Library**

**Stuart Scroggs** introduced Bill Stolz who gave a presentation on the history of Columbia from 1949 to 1960. He provided demographics and interesting facts indicating this was a period of great growth for the community. Many changes took place during this period, including: adoption of a Mayor/City Council form of government; the building of Columbia's first shopping mall (Parkade Plaza) and several subdivisions; air service via Ozark Airlines; the first TV station (KOMU) and two radio stations; lots of new construction including the University Medical Center on the MU campus. Bill discussed President Truman's visits to Columbia, and told the group that at one point the city was a front runner for his presidential library. In summary, he said that during this time Columbia changed from being a small town to a city, doubling in population and size.

## Raffle

Congratulations to **Scott Heck** the lucky winner of a \$40 gift certificate to Murray's courtesy of **Norm Benedict**.